jab and Assam in near future; and

(b) if so, by when the Elections are likely to be held in both the States?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) and (b) The Election Commission has informed that the question of holding of elections in Assam can be considered by it only after completion of the process of intensive revision of electoral rolls in the State which is presently in progress.

As regards Punjab, Government have taken a number of steps to normalist the situation culminating in the siming of the Memorandum of Settlement with the Akali Dal on the 24th July, 1985. As for holding of election, the Election Commission would have to take a view and would do so after it is assessed that the law and order situation is conducive to the holding of peaceful and orderly elections to both to the Assembly and the Lok Sabha.

Study to know sickness in Small Sector of industries

650. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a study to know the causes of sickness in small sector of industries;

(b) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) how Government propose to remove the hurdles in the way of the development of small scale industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The report is under finalisation.

Reopening of Rohtas Industries Ltd.

651. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the result of the exercise so far made by Government to reopen the Rohtas Industries Limited, Dalmianagar (Bihar) which has been lying completely closed since September last; and

(b) the action, if any, proposed to be taken against the Management which sold the only profitable unit at Jaipur, when the Ministry was preparing the rehabilitation scheme for that group and if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF. MOHD. KHAN): (a) As a result of the exercise so far made by the Central Government to reopen the Rohtas Industries Ltd. Dalmiangar (Bihar), the Central Government has come to the conclusion that it was not possible to nationalise the undertaking. However, the Bihar Government was informed that the Central Government would extend all possible assistance to the State Government in case they decide to nationalise the undertakings of the company.

(b) Industrial Finance Corporation of India and other Institutions have recalled loans granted to the company and invoked personal guarantee given by the promoters against these loans. The State Bank of India has also filed a suit in Calcutta High Court against the company for recovery of its dues and on the Bank's application the Court has appointed a receiver to take possession of the assets of the Company charged to the Bank.